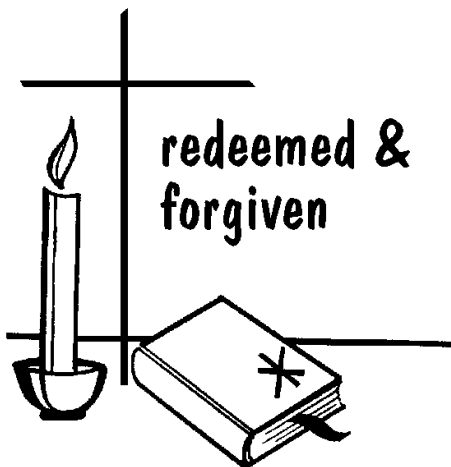




FOR IT IS BY GRACE YOU HAVE BEEN SAVED,  
THROUGH FAITH—AND THIS NOT FROM  
YOURSELVES, IT IS THE GIFT OF GOD.  
*EPH 2:8-9*

March 6<sup>th</sup>, 2016

The Fourth Sunday in Lent



## How Great the Father's Love

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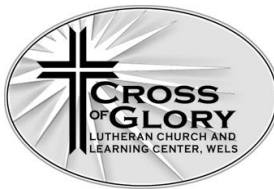
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**Welcome!** We are glad you are here with us today. Our service today follows an order of worship which places the spotlight on God's Word and its central message of peace through Jesus. You can follow the outline of the service in this worship folder. The hymn numbers refer to the red hymnal: Christian Worship (CW) or the blue hymnal: Christian Worship Supplement (CWS).

**Restrooms:** The women's and men's restrooms are located in the Gathering Room (lobby) of the church. There are additional restrooms located in the Fellowship Hall.

**Cry Room:** We do not mind a fussy child or an instructing parent. But for parents who would like a quiet place to be with their child, we have a cry room with a one-way window into the sanctuary. The entrance is located in the Gathering Room. The worship audio can be heard in this room.

**Prayer Requests:** If you have a special prayer you would like included in today's Prayer of the Church, please fill out the prayer request form on the small table in the Gathering Room.

**Holy Communion:** We offer classes (Basic Bible Christianity) for those desiring to take the sacrament. If you are a newcomer, please take these classes before communing or speak with our pastor.



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# ORDER OF SERVICE

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STAND

## INVOCATION<sup>1</sup>

**M:** In the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.

**C:** Amen.

*Refrain: (1st time: Cantor, 2nd Time: All)*



Shep-herd me, O God, be - yond my wants, be - yond my fears, from death in-to life.

## LITANY

*Cantor:*

*All:*

*Cantor:*

*All:*



In the time of tri al: **Shep herd me, O God.** In the hour of weakness: **Shep herd me, O God.**  
When your Spir it calls us: Through all that be falls us:  
Des ert dry and ash en: Show er your com pas sion:

*Cantor:*

*All:*



You who rule cre a tion, show us your sal va tion, when we face temp ta tion: **Shep herd me, O God.**  
Teach us true con tri tion, help us live your mis sion, bring us to fru i tion:  
Give us new di rec tion, you, our strong pro tec tion, spring of res ur rec tion:

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<sup>1</sup> The name of the triune God and the sign of the cross remind worshipers of their baptisms.

*Refrain: (All)*



Shep-herd me, O God, be - yond my wants, be - yond my fears, from death in-to life.

## CONFESSION

**M:** Dear friends, let us approach God with a true heart and confess our sins, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to forgive us.

**C:** **Lord of life, I confess that I am by nature dead in sin. For faithless worrying and selfish pride, For sins of habit and sins of choice, For the evil I have done and the good I have failed to do, You should cast me away from your presence forever. O Lord, I am sorry for my sins. Forgive me, for Jesus' sake.**

## ABSOLUTION

**M:** Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again. In his great mercy, God made us alive in Christ even when we were dead in our sins. Hear the word of Christ through his called servant:

I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.

**C:** **Amen.**

## LORD, HAVE MERCY (KYRIE)<sup>2</sup>

**M:** In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

*For the well-being of all people everywhere, that they may receive from you all they need to sustain body and life, hear our prayer, O Lord.*



**M:** Lord, have mer - cy.

**C:** Lord, have mer - cy.

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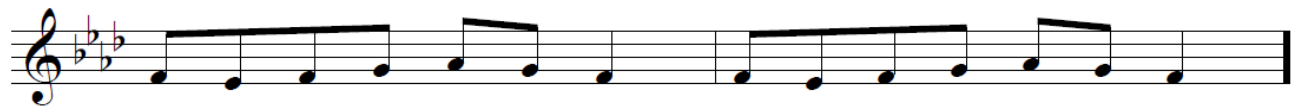
<sup>2</sup> *Kyrie* is the Greek word for *Lord*. The expression "Lord, have mercy" is one of the oldest worship responses in the Christian church.

**M:** *For the spread of your life-giving gospel throughout the world, that all who are lost in sin may be brought to faith in you, hear our prayer, O Christ.*



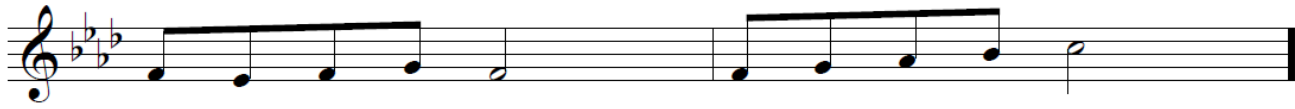
M: Christ, \_\_\_\_\_ have mer - cy.      C: Christ, \_\_\_\_\_ have mer - cy.

**M:** *For patience and perseverance in this life, that we may not lose the hope of heaven as we await your return, hear our prayer, O Lord.*



M: Lord, \_\_\_\_\_ have mer - cy.      C: Lord, \_\_\_\_\_ have mer - cy.

**M:** *Lord of life, live in us that we may live for you.*

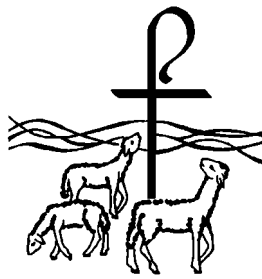


M: A - men.      C: A - men.

*Refrain: (All)*



Shep-herd me, O God, be - yond my wants, be - yond my fears, from death in-to life.



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# THE WORD OF GOD

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## SALUTATION<sup>3</sup>

**M:** The Lord be with you.

**C:** And also with you.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

**M:** Let us pray.

Almighty God, look with favor on your humble servants and stretch out the right hand of your power to defend us against all our enemies; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

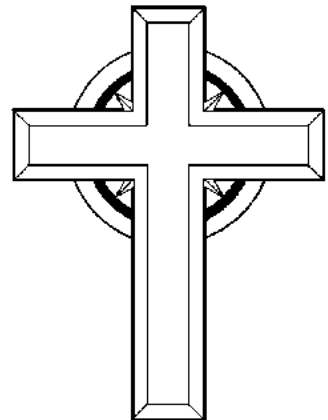
**C:** Amen.

BE SEATED

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

### FIRST LESSON.....Isaiah 12:1-6

*In that day you will say: "I will praise you, O LORD. Although you were angry with me, your anger has turned away and you have comforted me."<sup>2</sup> Surely God is my salvation; I will trust and not be afraid. The LORD, the LORD, is my strength and my song; he has become my salvation."<sup>3</sup> With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation.<sup>4</sup> In that day you will say: "Give thanks to the LORD, call on his name; make known among the nations what he has done, and proclaim that his name is exalted."<sup>5</sup> Sing to the LORD, for he has done glorious things; let this be known to all the world.<sup>6</sup> Shout aloud and sing for joy, people of Zion, for great is the Holy One of Israel among you."*



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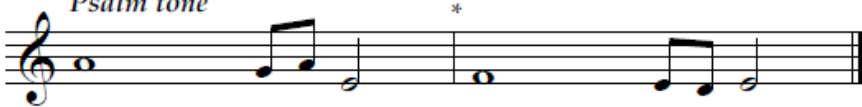
<sup>3</sup> This greeting has deep roots in Christian worship and marks the beginning of the Word section and the Sacrament section of the service.

PSALM OF THE DAY.....Psalm 38

*Refrain*



*Psalm tone*



**M:** Blessed is he whose transgressions are for'given, \*  
**C:** whose sins are 'covered.

**M:** When I kept silent, your hand was heavy u'pon me; \*  
**C:** my strength was sapped as in the heat of 'summer.

**M:** Then I acknowledged my 'sin to you \*  
**C:** and did not cover up my in'iquity.

**M:** I said, "I will confess my transgressions 'to the LORD" \*  
**C:** and you forgave the guilt 'of my sin.

*Refrain*

**M:** You are my 'hiding place; \*  
**C:** you will protect me from 'trouble.

**M:** Many are the woes of the 'wicked, \*  
**C:** but the LORD's unfailing love surrounds those who 'trust in him.

**C:** Glory be to the Father and 'to the Son \*  
 and to the Holy 'Spirit,  
 as it was in the be'ginning, \*  
 is now, and will be forever. 'Amen.

*Refrain*

## SECOND LESSON.....1 Corinthians 1:18-25

*For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.<sup>19</sup> For it is written: "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise; the intelligence of the intelligent I will frustrate."<sup>20</sup> Where is the wise man? Where is the scholar? Where is the philosopher of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world?<sup>21</sup> For since in the wisdom of God the world through its wisdom did not know him, God was pleased through the foolishness of what was preached to save those who believe.<sup>22</sup> Jews demand miraculous signs and Greeks look for wisdom,<sup>23</sup> but we preach Christ crucified: a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles,<sup>24</sup> but to those whom God has called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God.<sup>25</sup> For the foolishness of God is wiser than man's wisdom, and the weakness of God is stronger than man's strength.*

## THE VERSE OF THE DAY.....John 3:16

**M:** For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

## GOSPEL.....Luke 15:1-3; 11b-32

*Now the tax collectors and "sinners" were all gathering around to hear him.<sup>2</sup> But the Pharisees and the teachers of the law muttered, "This man welcomes sinners and eats with them."<sup>3</sup> Then Jesus told them this parable..."There was a man who had two sons.<sup>12</sup> The younger one said to his father, 'Father, give me my share of the estate.' So he divided his property between them.<sup>13</sup> "Not long after that, the younger son got together all he had, set off for a distant country and there squandered his wealth in wild living.<sup>14</sup> After he had spent everything, there was a severe famine in that whole country, and he began to be in need.<sup>15</sup> So he went and hired himself out to a citizen of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed pigs.<sup>16</sup> He longed to fill his stomach with the pods that the pigs were eating, but no one gave him anything.<sup>17</sup> "When he came to his senses, he said, 'How many of my father's hired men have food to spare, and here I am starving to death!<sup>18</sup> I will set out and go back to my father and say to him: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you.<sup>19</sup> I am no longer worthy to be called your son; make me like one of your hired men.'<sup>20</sup> So he got up and went to his father. "But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion for him; he ran to his son, threw his arms around him and kissed him.<sup>21</sup> "The son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.'<sup>22</sup> "But the father said to his servants, 'Quick! Bring the best robe and put it on him. Put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet.<sup>23</sup> Bring the fattened calf and kill it. Let's have a feast and celebrate.'<sup>24</sup> For this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.' So they began to celebrate.<sup>25</sup> "Meanwhile, the older son was in the field. When he came near the house, he heard music and dancing.<sup>26</sup> So he called one*



of the servants and asked him what was going on.<sup>27</sup> 'Your brother has come,' he replied, 'and your father has killed the fattened calf because he has him back safe and sound.'<sup>28</sup> "The older brother became angry and refused to go in. So his father went out and pleaded with him.<sup>29</sup> But he answered his father, 'Look! All these years I've been slaving for you and never disobeyed your orders. Yet you never gave me even a young goat so I could celebrate with my friends.'<sup>30</sup> But when this son of yours who has squandered your property with prostitutes comes home, you kill the fattened calf for him!'<sup>31</sup> "'My son,' the father said, 'you are always with me, and everything I have is yours.'<sup>32</sup> But we had to celebrate and be glad, because this brother of yours was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.'"

**M:** This is the Gospel of the Lord.



**HYMN OF THE DAY.....Lamb of God (CWS #748)**

**SERMON.....Luke 15**

**THEME: “How Great the Father's Love”**

**CONFESSION OF FAITH**

**C:** We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and became fully human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate. He suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

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# PRAYER AND THANKSGIVING

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## OFFERING

*The members of Cross of Glory are happy to support its ministry with their financial gifts. If you are visiting us today, do not feel obligated to give an offering.*

STAND

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

**M:** Heavenly Father, you loved the world and gave your Son to liberate us from sin and death by his obedient death on the cross.

**C:** **We confess that without your love we are lost.**

**M:** Lord of the Church, we thank you for the treasure of the gospel. By your Spirit, keep our eyes fixed on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith.

**C:** **Strengthen our determination to do what pleases you, no matter what the danger or the cost.**

**M:** Let us pray for those who carry a cross in the name of Christ and face ridicule and persecution for the sake of the kingdom: missionaries and chaplains, young people who stand up for what is right in the face of pressure to do what is wrong, and all who pay a high price for their faith and their values as Christians.

**C:** **By your Spirit, O Lord, grant them patience and endurance.**

**M:** Let us pray for those who carry heavy burdens in life: the sick and the chronically ill, the depressed and the lonely, those torn by conflict in personal relationships, those victimized by war and injustice, and all who face the terrors of life with a heavy heart.

**C:** **Grant them peace, O Lord, and in your mercy, be their guardian and friend, their comfort and hope.**

**M:** Let us pray for those who care for others: pastors and counselors; physicians and nurses; EMTs and paramedics, social workers and caring friends; all who feed the hungry, comfort the hurting, and stand beside the dying.

**C:** **Strengthen them in their work, O Lord, and do not let them become weary in doing good.**

*Special prayers and intercessions may follow.*

**M:** Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

*Silent prayer.*

**M:** Help us run with perseverance the race marked out for us. Keep us faithful even to the point of death, that we may receive the crown of life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C:** **Amen.**

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## THE SACRAMENT

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### THE PREFACE<sup>4</sup>

**M:** The Lord be with you.



**C:** And al so with you.

**M:** Lift up your hearts.



**C:** We lift them up to the Lord.

**M:** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



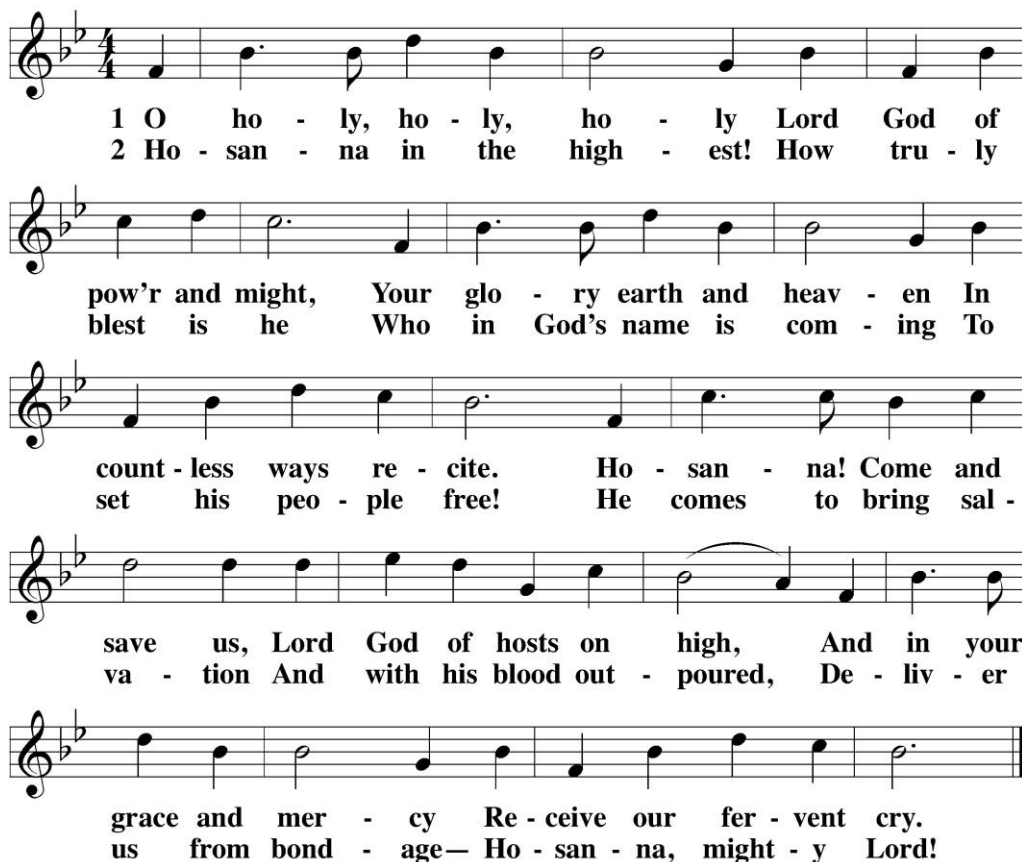
**C:** It is right to give him thanks and praise.

**M:** It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who willingly died under the curse of this world's sin so that we may live forever in the light of God's blessing. Therefore with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

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<sup>4</sup> These words mark the beginning of the Sacrament section of worship and lift the worshiper's hearts in praise. The opening sentences are among the oldest in the Christian liturgy.

## HOLY, HOLY, HOLY (*SANCTUS*)



1 O ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of  
2 Ho - san - na in the high - est! How tru - ly

pow'r and might, Your glo - ry earth and heav - en In  
blest is he Who in God's name is com - ing To

count - less ways re - cite. Ho - san - na! Come and  
set his peo - ple free! He comes to bring sal -

save us, Lord God of hosts on high, And in your  
va - tion And with his blood out - poured, De - liv - er

grace and mer - cy Re - ceive our fer - vent cry.  
us from bond - age— Ho - san - na, might - y Lord!

## PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING<sup>5</sup>

**M:** Blessed are you, O Lord of heaven and earth. We praise and thank you for sending your Son, Jesus Christ, and we remember the great acts of love through which he has ransomed us from sin, death, and the devil's power. Invited by your grace and instructed by your Word, we approach your table with repentant and joyful hearts. Strengthen us through Christ's body and blood, and preserve us in the true faith until we feast with him and all his ransomed people in glory everlasting.

**C:** Amen.

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<sup>5</sup> Jesus took bread and *gave thanks*. (Matthew 26:26)

## LORD'S PRAYER

**C:** Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION<sup>6</sup>

**M:** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C:** Amen.

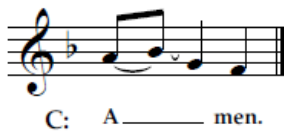
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<sup>6</sup> As he speaks the Words of Institution, the minister both proclaims the words of Jesus to the congregation and sets apart the bread and wine for the Lord's use. The sign of the cross reminds us Christ's death.

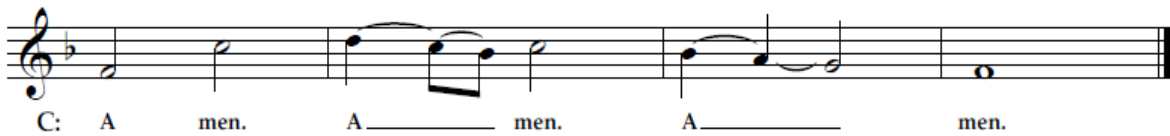
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PRAYER

**M:** We give you thanks, O Lord, for the foretaste of the heavenly banquet that you have given us to eat and to drink in this sacrament. Through this gift you have fed our faith, nourished our hope, and strengthened our love. By your Spirit help us to live as your holy people until that day when you will receive us as your guests at the wedding supper of the Lamb, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



**M:** Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.  
The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look on you with favor and + give you peace.



# **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## **MEASURE OF LOVE**

Last Sunday's Attendance: Worship: 38; Communion: 27.

Offerings to the Lord: General Fund: \$1724; Periodicals: \$20; Evangelism: \$50.

## **WEEKLY SCHEDULE**

Monday (3/7):	6:30 p.m.	Evangelism Committee
Wednesday (3/9):	6:00 p.m.	Soup Supper
	6:30 p.m.	Ash Wednesday Worship
Thursday (3/10):	6:30 p.m.	Confirmation Class
Saturday (3/12):	8:00 a.m.	Work Day at Church
Sunday (3/13):	9:15 a.m.	Sunday School / Adult Bible Study
	10:30 a.m.	Worship with Communion

## **EVANGELISM MEETING – TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 2ND**



The evangelism committee will be meeting on Tuesday, February 2<sup>nd</sup> at 6:30 p.m. We'll be discussing our upcoming outreach events and future outreach strategy. All are invited to come and share ideas.

## **CHURCH WORK DAY - MARCH 12TH**



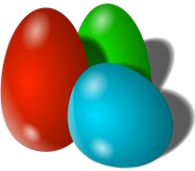
We will be having a work day on this Saturday beginning at 8 a.m. There are many projects to be done in order to make our facility and grounds looking beautiful. Please come if you are able and lend a hand!

## **MIDWEEK LENT SERVICES**



We will continue our midweek Lent evening prayer services this Wednesday. We will have a soup supper at 6:00 p.m. and worship will begin at 6:30 p.m. These services provide an excellent opportunity for growing in faith and focusing our hearts as we look forward to another joyous Easter celebration.

## **EASTER FOR KIDS ~ EGG HUNT - SATURDAY, MARCH 19TH**



We will be holding our Easter for Kids event on Saturday, March 12th at 10:00 a.m. Children are invited to participate in a fun egg hunt at Cross of Glory. We will also have special Easter-themed projects for the children to enjoy. We would love to see as many children from our Cross of Glory extended family and the neighborhood at this event. Please come and join the fun (and bring a friend or two!). There is a signup sheet for those who are willing to donate candy for the eggs as well as volunteer the day of the event.